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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Barton et al. (US Pat No 6,233,389).

In regard to claim 1, Barton discloses a multimedia time warping system. The claimed limitation of a "Tuning device comprising a tuner unit (1) generating a transport stream (TS) from a received service" is met by Figure 1. The claimed limitation of "a storage unit (3) for storing at least a partial transport stream (PTS) generated from said transport stream (TS) and outputting said partial transport stream (PTS) upon request" is met by Figure 1, items 102 and 105 (See Col 3, Line 30 – Col 4, Line 32).

In regard to claim 2, the claimed limitation of "a service information control unit (2a) to derive service information from said transport stream (TS) and to distribute said service information to output devices connected to said tuning device" is met by Figure 1, item 103 and Figure 4 (See Col 4, Line 55 – Col 5, Line 19).

In regard to claim 3, Barton discloses "said service information control unit (2a) comprises a command generation control means generating asynchronous commands to distribute said service information to output devices connected to said tuning device" (See Col 8, Lines 23-38).

In regard to claim 4, the claimed limitation of "a partial transport stream generation unit (2b) to generate said partial transport stream (PTS) to be stored on said storage unit (3)" is met by Figure 1, Item 102 and 105.

In regard to claim 5, the claimed limitation of "a controller (5) receiving information about the content of said partial transport stream (PTS) to be generated preferably via at least one asynchronous command and supplying said information to said partial transport stream generation unit (2b)" is met by the PID parser, CPU and Media switch (See Col 6, Lines 36-46).

In regard to claim 6, Barton discloses "said data storage unit (3) is able to simultaneously record said partial transport stream (PTS) and reproduce said partial transport stream (PTS) at the same time or time shifted and/or at least one other recorded partial transport stream" (See Col 3, Lines 19-29).

In regard to claim 7, the claimed limitation of "it is a stand-alone network device and said storage unit (3) outputs said partial transport stream (PTS) to a network" is met by Figure 1. Output module outputs the PTS to the TV. The connection between the output module and the TV is considered to be a network.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barton et al.

In regard to claim 8, Barton fails to disclose said network is an IEEE 1394 network. The Examiner takes Official Notice that it is notoriously well known in the art to use an IEEE 1394 network so as to provide the system with an extremely fast and flexible external bus. Consequently, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Barton with the use of an IEEE 1394 network for the stated advantage.


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Manning whose telephone number is 571-272-7352. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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